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Joe Verducci Named New Gael Coach!

No Terms Announced; To Serve "Over a Year"

Marks First Attempt as College Football Coach

Diminutive Joe Verducci, creator of championship teams at Polytechnic High School in San Francisco and "the people's choice" to succeed Jimmy Phelan as head football coach at St. Mary's College, today was named to that post.

No terms of the contract, signed today, were announced other than the former University of California star will serve as head man of the Galloping Gaels for "more than a year."

FOURTEENTH COACH

Little Joe, the fourteenth gridiron master at Saint Mary's since 1895, and an exponent of the "T" formation with unique variations, comes to Moraga Valley straight from Polytechnic, where in seven years his preps won thirty-five games, lost six, tied six, won three San Francisco titles, placed second twice, third once, and enjoyed a 24-game winning streak in 1940-41.

His preps last year went through a slate of ten games undefeated and untied following which he was selected as San Francisco's prep "coach of the year."

NEVER MORE THAN 14

No team has ever scored more than 14 points against his Poly aggregations, nor rebuffed one of his prep squads by more than one touchdown.

A native of San Francisco, he prepped at Mission from where he was graduated in 1928 after participating in football, basketball and wrestling.

He matriculated at the University of California in 1929, where in 1932 he won the Andy Smith Memorial scholarship award, an honor annually presented to the football player with the highest grades at California. He played quarterback for the Golden Bears.

MONTEREY FIRST JOB

His first coaching job was at Monterey Union High School in 1934. His team won the league diadem that season.

During the war he served as Athletic and Morale Officer of the Coast Guard at Alameda, Calif., where he also coached the C. G. football team which met the finest service and college competition on the Pacific Coast.

Joe is married to the former Florence Appiarius of San Francisco. They exchanged vows at old Mission Dolores on August 2, 1936, and make their home at 25 Arco Way, San Francisco, with their two daughters, Florence, 8, and Diane Marilyn, 6.

MEMBER OF HONOR GROUP

He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, educational honor society.

The complete football record of the youthful Moraga Mahatma follows:

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

1929—Frosh football team

1930—J.V. football and wrestling teams.

1931-32-33 — Varsity football and wrestling teams.

Won: One frosh numeral (football)
3 Circle C's (wrestling)
2 Block C's (football)
Andy Smith Memorial Scholarship award.

COACHING RECORD

*1934—Monterey Union High, won championship

1935—Commerce High, San Francisco

1936-37 — Washington High, San Francisco. Team enjoyed a 24-game winning streak. Won title 1940; second 1941; third in 1939.

1942—Coast Guard, Alameda. Won 1, lost 6, tied 1.

1943—Coast Guard, Alameda. Won 3, lost 2, tied 1.

1944—Coast Guard, Alameda. Won 4, lost 2, tied 2.

1945—Polytechnic, S. F. Won 9, lost 1 (second place).

*1946 — Polytechnic, S. F. Won 8, lost 1, tied 1.

*1947—Polytechnic, S. F. Won 10, lost 0.

*—Championship team.

Football Team Favors Choice Of Verducci

Comments Show No Disapproval

Comments concerning Joe Verducci's nomination as head coach were hot and heavy last Wednesday evening as the news hit the campus a little after 6:00 p.m.

The daily after-dinner bull sessions were noisier than usual, while even the more conservative students had something to say. Out of all the commotion, one thing was evident. The Gaels are heavily in favor of Joe Verducci's appointment.

TEAM SAYS MOST

The football team had the most to say about the subject. Said Halfback Paul Crowe, "It will be nice to play for someone nearer my own age!" End Henry Decker commented, "With the teams he has turned out in the past, he can go far as a college coach. Who knows? He may be tops!"

Many of the players did not know much about Verducci's record at Polytechnic High School. Most of these players are out-of-state men, who came to Saint Mary's to play ball. Tony Kotowski, sensational freshman end of last season, said, "I don't know him, but I'm willing to play for him. From his record, we should have a good team."

NOT ACQUAINTED

Fullback Dave Haffner and Halfback Dick Jarvis also were men who were not well acquainted with Verducci's record. "We don't know too much about him, but we're willing to find out. He sounds like a good man to play for."

Tackle Ralph Villiers backed up the player's opinions by saying. "His record proves he's a good man. I'm all for him."

"GREAT OPPORTUNITY"

Sophomore Jim Doud, fullback on last year's Junior Varsity, stated, "It's a great opportunity for all the players. Here's hopeing for a great team this year!"

Fullback Wes Busch, recently returned to the campus from the service, explained that he did not know much about Verducci's high school record, but that his Coast Guard teams prove that he is capable of handling a college team.

RUSSEL "SURPRISED"

Gathered together discussing the appointment were John Russel, R. V. Johnson, Larry Warmack, and Jim Shanks. Russel was the first to offer comment with "I was surprised to hear about his appointment. I lost a dollar on the choice, but I do hope he will build a lot of spirit within the team."

"I was glad to see that a young man was picked," said R. V. Johnson. "He'll have plenty of ambition to turn out a winning team."

"WE'RE BOWL BOUND!"

Larry Warmack's comment was short and to the point. "I think we're Bowl bound."

Finally, Jim Shanks summarized what the football players were thinking. "We've got a lot of good men who play his style ball. With him at the controls, we should have a good season."

LITTLE NEGATIVE COMMENT

There was little negative comment forthcoming from the students. All of them seemed to think that the selection was a wise move on the part of the Board of Athletic Control.

The students are awaiting Verducci's arrival. Spring practice begins soon, and the campus will have the opportunity to watch his methods.

Frosh Rally in Quadrangle

Gathering to witness entertainment presented by the Freshman Class, in their bid-selling drive, the Student Body assembled Wednesday noon to listen to music provided by the Hawaii Club.

ENTERTAINMENT

Joe Bertain, Leo Cunningham and Hank Perry were on the job to tell the students of the Freshman Dance to be held at the Claremont Hotel's "Florentine Room." Between these announcements, Ed Cardoza, Abe Kuhane, William Poka, Ruben Cockett and Nelson Tuitelli provided the songs "Right On," "Hawaiian War Chant," "Irish Hawaiian," "Cootche-Coo" and "Aloha Oei," which were appreciated and enjoyed by all.

PURPOSE OF RALLY

The purpose of the Rally was to promote the sale of bids to the Freshman Dance to be held at the Claremont Hotel on April 9th. The Spanish Club is also going to raffle a radio set that night. Their raffle tickets are now on sale.

LECTURER—Dr. Robert Kerner, Sather professor of history of the University of California, who addressed students last Wednesday evening at an International Relations Club meeting. The subject of his talk was "Russia and the European Recovery Program."

Expert Explains Russian Role In New Europe

Dr. Kerner of U. C. Is Lecturer

Under the sponsorship of the International Relations Club, Dr. Robert J. Kerner, Sather Professor of History at the University of California, this week addressed a large gathering in the student lounge on the subject, "Russia and the European Recovery Program." An expert on Slavic and Balkan affairs, Dr. Kerner endeavored to differentiate betwen Russia's just national interests and the aggressive interests of the Soviet government. An animated question period followed the lecture.

Previous to the discussion, Dr. Kerner was entertained at dinner by Brother Robert and Brother Jerome, together with IRC representatives Pat Henderson and Peter Siguenza. Siguenza, current chairman of the club's committee of control, introduced the guest speaker.

Professor Kerner is an expert on the modern history of central and eastern Europe and an authority on Europe's relations with Asia. He is president of the Pacific branch of the American Historical Association.

KHSM to Keep Broadcasting During Exams

Unhampered by mid-term examinations, staff members of campus radio station KHSM will continue operations throughout all of next week, introducing three entirely new and different programs on Monday evening.

KHSM will be broadcasting from 5 to 7 each afternoon, Monday through Friday, and from 9 to 10 after study hours, every night except Friday.

Dick Westervolt, program director, has announced that two new transcribed broadcasts will be introduced Monday evening. The first, starting at 6 p.m., will be a fifteen minute transcription released from Washington, D. C. by the Veterans Administration. It is titled, "Here's to Veterans." It has a nationwide distribution.

Immediately following this transcription will be another called, "Foundation of American Ideals." This program, backgrounded on historical and religious principles, will be sponsored by the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

A third inaugural broadcast for Monday evening, April 6, will be "Accordiana," featuring student musicians Joe Zanetti and Larry Garetto.

Westervelt spoke with enthusiasm about these new shows, and praised the announcers, producers, and engineers of KHSM for voluntarily electing ot stay on the air during the examination period.

Laval Savant Tells Faculty Marxist Ideas

Addresses Group In Final Lecture

In his final lecture Dr. Charles DeKonnick, dean of philosophy at Laval University in Quebec, warned that the only way to combat Communism is ". . . to read and study Communism in the schools . . ."

Delivering the address to all members of the faculty, Dr. DeKonnick advised that teachers should become more conscious of the threat of Communism, and that they should utilize all possible effort in the classroom to destroy it.

VIOLENCE AND REVOLUTION

In analyzing Communism, Dr. DeKonnick showed how Communism takes violence and revolution for granted. "To the Marxist, mind is only the higher level of matter," he said, "and that mind must be subordinated to matter."

He continued by showing how man "wants to be cause of himself, by being the author of the things he needs for life." "Marx differentiates between man and brute, "Dr. DeKonnick said, "because man can judge beforehand a work he intends to do. The brute is satisfied."

MENTAL AND MANUAL DIFFER

He next pointed out how mental and manual workers differ in Russia. "All mental labor," he said, "must be ordered to the manual laborer, because he is the one who produces the material things. Mental labor is held in control. If the mental worker becomes independent, he immediately becomes a danger to progress, and must be suppressed or liquidated. The spiritual part of man must be subordinated to the material."

PRODUCE MORE

"However, the mental worker guides the actions of the manual worker. He makes the worker produce more than is necessary, and as a result a leisure class is formed since the mental worker lives off the excess."

Dr. DeKonnick then pointed out why the Communists do not have blod purges in Russia in order to wipe out religious sects. "To kill of fpriests and nuns would make martyrs out of them. The people rebel against persecution in such a violent form."

RELIGION MUST GO!

"Lenin said that religion must be destroyed. He showed that by proclaiming the fact that they were atheists would be much more effective than outward bloodshed."

The lecture concluded when Dr. DeKonnick compared avowed Communists with Americans. "They are not sensual. Rather, the real Communist would sacrifice everything in order to achieve his ideal, which is world revolution. It is up to us as individuals to see that we stop these Communists by understanding their methods."

THIRD OF A SERIES

Dr. DeKonnick is the third in a series of speakers which are brought to the Saint Maary's campus as a part of the Liberal Arts curriculum.

Before leaving Canada for Saint Mary's, Dr. DeKonnick was called by the crown to testify as an expert on Communists philosophy during trials held at Montreal. He has written several books on the subject.

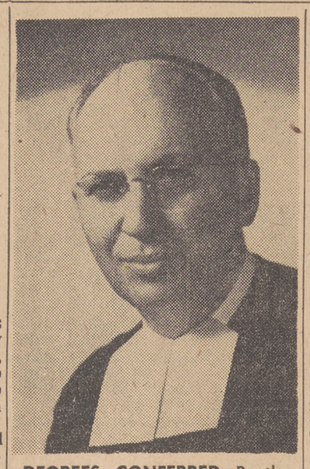
The main theme of his lectures has been Existentalism.

Register Now To Vote in Primaries

As announced this week here, students who are 21, or who will be 21 by June 1st will be eligible to vote in the presidential primary election, which will be held on June 1st.

The only requirements necessary for this vote are that the student be a resident of California for a period of a year, and that he has resided on the campus for 90 days.

The election will be held here on the campus. Those who are eligible under these rules should register with Brother Mathew, or Mrs. Hansen within the next 19 days. Mrs. Hansen may be located in the post office.



DEGREES CONFERRED—Brother Thomas, F. S. C., president of Manhatten College in New York, was one of the seven scholars who received honorary degrees from Saint Mary's yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was held in De LaSalle lounge. The Catholic educators are attending the 45th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association.

Seven Catholic Leaders Given Honors Here

Faculty Parade Marks Event

Yesterday afternoon at 4:30, De La Salle Lounge was the scene of a convocation in which seven outstanding national Catholic educators received honorary degrees from the College.

The ceremony was held in conjunction with the annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association, which is being held in San Francisco from March 31 to April 2.

MONSIGNOR HONORED

One of the five who was honored by St. Mary's is the Very Rev. Msgr. Frederick G. Hochwalt, Ph.D., of Washington, D. C., secretary-general of the N. C. E. A. and director of the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, in which capacity he refuted charges that the Catholic Church "has entered the political arena."

The retort by Msgr. Hochwalt was made to a "manifesto" issued by a Protestant group March 8.

THREE PRESIDENTS

Three college presidents were the recipients of honorary degrees at St. Mary's. They are Brother B. Thomas, F.S.C., president of Manhattan College, New York; Brother Joel Stanislaus, F.S.C., president of St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn.; and Mr. Edward A. Fitzpatrick, Ph.D, president of Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, Wis.

FORMER PRESIDENT

Honorary degrees also were conferred on the former president of Loyola University of Chicago, the Rev. Samuel K. Wilson, S.J., now professor of history at Detroit University; and on Brother Emilian James, F.S.C., provincial of the Christian Brothers in the Baltimore Province and national chairman of the N.C.E.A.; and on the Rev. Philip Moore, Dean of the Graduate School, University of Notre Dame.

Brother Austin, F.S.C., president of St. Mary's College presided at the Convocation.

33 Men Study in Confirmation Class

Under the direction of Brother Cornelius the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation met for the first time in Room No. 1 Annex on last Thursday. Twenty-three men are registered in the group. They will meet twice weekly until the day for Confirmation which will be Sunday, April 25. The Sacrament will be administered at St. Augustine's Church in Oakland at 3:00 p. m. on that day.

Fourth Estate Activities

'Unbacked' Brickpile To Come Out Early Part of Next Week; Press Convention Theme Features "News From All Angles"

Wallace Speaks on 'Newspapermen'

"News from all angles" will be the theme of the High School Press Convention to be held here April 17, Fourth Estate President Dick Desmond announced today.

Mr. John T. Wallace, public relations manager of the San Francisco Chronicle, will speak on the "New Kind of Newspaperman," giving a rounded view of what is expected of one aspiring to a journalistic profession. He will be the featured speaker of the day, addressing delegates from the entire state of California during the luncheon program.

Wallace, who has been with the Chronicle for the past twelve years, has had considerable experience in various phases of newspaper work. He has acted in an editorial capacity in the pictorial, news, feature and womens' departments during his career.

More than 200 Catholic high school students from all parts of California are expected to attend this annual event, now in its sixteenth year.

TALKS BY PROFESSIONALS

Talks by Bay Area professional journalists will cover news viewponits, while writing techniques will be discussed in informal seminars.

The Rev. Walter J. Tappe, editor of the San Francisco Monitor will speak on "The Catholic Viewpoint" during the morning session. His archdiocesan newspaper experience will help student journalists to shape editorial policy for their school publications.

WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

The news as seen "Through the Women's Eyes" will be explained by Miss Katherine Kerry, women's commentator for Radio Station KQW. Miss Kerry was formerly a Sacramento Bee columnist.

Bob Fouts, a Saint Mary's graduate, now announcing sports for Radio Station KYA, will describe "News for the Sports-Minded." Mr. Fouts will also conduct a sportswriting seminar during the afternoon.

REPORT ON TELETYPE

"The World Through a Teletype," a description of the wire services, is Mr. Harold Turnblad's topic. As chief of the Associated Press, Western Division, Mr. Turnblad will provide an up-to-date analysis of this newsgathering facility.

Afternoon seminars will discuss the techniques of the news reporter, sports reporter, editorial writer, columnist, feature writer, and make-up man.

TROPHIES AWARDED

Trophies will be awarded for the two best newspapers in both the boys' and girls' divisions, the best mimeograph newspaper, and the best individual writer. Brother Austin will present the awards at the close of the convention.

Named as judges for the competition are: Brother Virgil, William Bettencourt, Thomas Twomey, John Sutthof, Mario Cotruvo, and Don Rauber.

Competitive examinations for a journalism scholarship will take place under faculty auspices during the morning meet. After registration and Mass, Brother Lambert and Desmond will welcome the visiting newsmen.

NEWSPAPERS DISPLAYED

Representative newspapers will be displayed during the afternoon and Sutthof and Cotruvo will conduct the critique.

Fourth Estate committeemen handling the convention include Desmond, chairman; Pat Henderson, co-chairman; Sutthof, Cotruvo, display; Rauber, registration; Bill Kelly, contests; Dick Escajeda, and Dick Jenevein.

Radio Display

On display in the Co-op store this week is the table model radio to be raffled by the Spanish Club April 16.

Tickets may be bought for 25 cents each from any Spanish Club member.

Other prizes niclude a $5 Roos Brothers merchandise order and tickets for the Hotel Mark Hopkins.

UNPRECEDENTED MOVE!—Brickpile editor Dick Desmond announced this week that the Brickpile, student quarterly magazine, would be published some time next week. The publication marks the first time that the magazine was published without student government support.

Alumni Backs Editor Desmond

In an unprecedented move, the editors of the Brickpile announced this week that an issue of the Brickpile would be forthcoming in ". . . the earlier part of next week. . . ."

Dick Desmond, editor of the quarterly, stated that the Brickpile was underwritten by the Alumni Association by the sum of $100. "Through their generosity, this publication is possible. Desmond said.

LAST FOR YEAR

Also announced was the fact that this edition would be the last of the school year. "We were unable," Desmond said, "to print another edition without further financial support from the college."

He pointed out the fact that sufficient interest had been aroused within the student body to warrant the Brickpile's publication in the future.

It was made clear that one-fourth of the subscription money would be returned to the subscribers. It was not disclosed when this action would begin.

TO BE ANALYZED

According to the editor, the entire Brickpile story will be explained and analyzed in the coming issue. "It should prove of real interest to everyone concerned with this magazine."

The Brickpile was voted no funds by the Executive Council last month at an emergency meeting. It was decided then that lack of money, interest and literary merit did not warrant further publication of the magazine. Desmond took over the publication as his own personal effort. This marks the first time in Brickpile history that the magazine has been published without government support.

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

Some of the main features in the student publication include an exclusive interview by Bill Brennan with twelve models from the Patricia Stevens Modeling school in San Francisco. The girls gave their viewpoints on college dating, and in particular dates with Saint Mary's men. They have named who they think to be their favorite escort from the campus. According to Desmond, ". . . there are many amazing and interesting facts contained in the article. It will stun some people . ."

SATIRE ALSO

A satire entitled "Tootsie Roll and the Open Toed Wedgies" is another feature of the publication. Written by John Sutthoff and Fred Mullen, the article concerns itself with the inconsistency of women.

Also included are several poems with " . . . more humor than ever before . . ." several short stories, and an essay chosen as the best submitted to the Honor Society, will complete the magazine's contest.

MANY CONTRIBUTIONS

Desmond announced the organizations and individuals that contributed their money to the publication of the magazine. The organizations include the Dante Club, Rifle Club, Radio Club, and the Knights of Columbus. Five dollars each was submitted by Dick Jenevin, Charles Higgins, Ed Lamp, Frank Lazio, Dick Montgomery, Pat Henderson, and Dick Desmond.

Constitution Changes Busy Ex-Councilmen

Two mitions by Dan Arzac at the March 30 meeting of the Ex-Council met stiff opposition which successfully defeated one, and through Herb Reynold's efforts, tabled the other motion until the next meeting.

Arzac's proposed constitutional amendment, voted down, stated, "The members of the committee (judicial committee) shall not hold more than one executive office in the student body, clubs, organizations, or other groups; their appointment is subject to the approval of the Executive Council, which may impeach any member for failure to properly perform his duties."

DOUBT VOICED

To be considered next week will be the amendment pertaining to striking out the word "all" from Article IX which demands the Rally Committee and the Yell Leaders to be present at each and every major athletic contest. Doubt was voiced in the Ex-Council if "major athletic contest" include the intra-mural games.

COTRUVO ABSENT

Joe Bertain, frosh representative filled in at the position of secretary for the absent Mario Cotruvo. Hugh Connoly representing the Spanish Club, announced that the raffle being held on the campus is to pay back to the Ex-Council money that had been borrowed last semester for a dance. Included as prizes will be a radio and a five dollar gift check to Roos Bros. The raffle will be held on April 16 at the Block S. M. Barn Dance.

BROTHERS HONORED BY LEGISLATORS

A resolutoin extending tribute and appreciation to the Christian Brothers for the work they have done over the past 80 years in California, was introduced in both the Senate and the Assembly of the state capital in Sacramento.

The measure was introduced in the Assembly by Chester Tanno, Sacramento Assemblyman, and in the Senate by Carl Desmond of Sacramento.

The resolution read as follows:

WHEREAS, The Brothers of the Christian Schools are this year observing the 100th anniversary of their coming to the United States of American; and

WHEREAS, Since 1868 the members of this teaching community have given their lives and talent to the education of the youth of California; and

WHEREAS, Their schools in Sacramento, Napa, Moraga, Berkeley, San Francisco, Fresno, Bakersfield, and Los Angeles are serving the public good; and

WHEREAS, Through the past 80 years they have indoctrinated thousands of young Californians with the high concepts of love of God and love of Country; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That a full expression of tribute and appreciation be extended by the Legislature to the Brothers of the Christian Schools on the occasion of their centenary celebration in American; and be it further.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to send copies of this resolution to each of the Christian Brothers' Schools located in the cities mentioned in this resolution.

Gaels Cast in Mills Play

'Our Town' Billed For May Showing

Under the direction of Miss Evaline Uhl Wright, assistant professor of the Department of Speech at Mills College, the Drama Association of Mills College will present the play **Our Town** by Thornton Wilder, May 7 and 8 in Lisser Hall beginning at 8:30 p. m.

Featured among the star roles are thre Saint Mary's men which include Grant Conard as Dr. Gibbs, Bill Brennan as George Gibbs, and Jerry Lannon as Mr. Webb. These men volunteered when Mills College asked for Saint Mary's talent.

CONARD HAS LEAD

Grant Conard is a Saint Mary's freshman, and has acted in such productions as **Double Door** and **My Sister Eileen. My Sister Eileen** was produced by the San Diego Civic theater. He was picked out of a roster of talent which came from various colleges in the Bay Area.

As announced by Miss Wright in a special bulletin to the **Collegian,** the casting is not complete, but the major roles have been assigned.

Before the war Saint Mary's co-operated with Mills College on a very successful production of James Thurber's **The Male Animal.** The plan of having intercollegiate talent take part in plays is part of a long range program which seeks to foster better relations between local colleges.

Collegian Writer Gives More Low-Down on Mexican Panorama

By ROALD JACOBSEN

Goodwill among men is the product of a multiplicity of small happenings. Governments may err, diplomats may blunder, big business may be greedy, some tourists may behave like hoodlums, but in the long run, it is the day-by-day give and take among people that settles the matter of good or bad feeling.

TRAVEL INTERESTING

Travel may not be the best tool for learning but it is without a doubt the most interesting and all-inclusive. Since most of Europe has been destroyed by war, and her people bent to near starvation, Europe is not too desirable for the student-traveler this year. But Mexico, within a comparatively short distance offers you the picturesque and romance of the old world and the comfort and convenience of the New. You could travel the world over and never find anything exactly like Mexico. Even the most mercurial Marco Polo would have difficulty naming any spot that offers such vivid tonic for mind and eyes, or so much for the traveler's dollar.

OLDEST CITY

Mexico City, the oldest metropolis on the American continent, is built on the site of the Aztec capital, Tenochlitlan. Here the climate is invigorating and pleasant the year around, for the city's altitude is 7,300 feet. Here are superb Spanish colonial buildings . . . modern hotels, golf clubs, polo grounds, Jai Alai courts, theatres, night clubs, a new race track, famous restaurants, de luxe shops and quaint markets. Yes, and here you'll see the colorful spectacle of bullfights . . . and uniformed horsemen riding in parks as did their Spanish ancestors.

INTERESTING SUBURBS

No great city in the world has more interesting suburbs than Mexico City. Just a few miles from the heart of the city, in any direction, are attractions sure to make your Mexico trip memorable. Noteworthy points of interest are the Sanctuary of Guadalupe . . . the ruins of Twotihuacan with the giant pyramids and temples . . . the floating gardens of Xochimilco. . . . Garci Crespo Spa, renowned for its mineral water . . . Fortin, "Fortress of the Flowers," above which rises majestic Orizaba, third highest peak in North America.

NICELY ARRANGED

Mexico is nicely arranged for the visitor. Large as it is, most of the country's sights are within 300 to 400 miles of the capital. Take Cholula, near Puebla for an example. According to legend, Cortes, in seeking to wipe out all signs of pagan worship, found a match for his religious zeal in Aztec Cholula. Determined to build a church on the site of every pagan pyramid, Cortes found 365 temple-topped pyramids in this single town. By dint of a colossal construction program, the 365 churches were built, and still stand today.

Then there is Taxco, which is particularly picturesque—and a government ruling forbidding the construction of any building except in the old traditional style of architecture, keeps it that way. Silver is the principal product of Taxco and the Indian know how to make a thousand things with it.

MANY SMALL TOWNS

There are many towns and villages in Mexico, each with its own history, craft, and beauty. There have been books written on Mexico, and I could go on and on, but what is the use? You will have to see it for yourself. Discard movie impressions of Mexico—still you'll find endless interest and novelty in everything Mexican. It's as strange and unreal as something out of a book until you have a better understanding of its people, its languages, its customs and manner of living.

Frosh "Thank You" To Open Social Season

Claremont's Florentine Room Will Draw Large Crowd Next Friday Eve

From the Florentine Room of the Hotel Claremont in Berkeley April 9, the Frosh will inaugurate the post-Lenten season in the form of the annual "Thank You" dance.

In gratitude for the warm reception given them during initiation days, which was climaxed by the "Frosh Welcome" dance, the Frosh return their compliments to the sophomores and upper classmen by presenting this dance at the Hotel Claremont.

CARLTON ACKLEY TO PLAY

Carlton Ackley and his orchestra will again provide an evening of music with his ten-piece orchestra, accompanied by Pauline Lawrence on the vocals. A former performer with Anson Weeks, Phil Harris and Kay Kayser, Ackley has gained much prominence in the Bay Area. His orchestra played at the "Welcome Dance."

OPEN TO EVERYONE

Open to all Saint Mary's students and friends, this informal affair will commence at 9 o'clock and end at 1. The no corsage rule will be in effect.

Lockett and Evans, campus comedians, will entertain during the intermission period. The troupe presented the "Socraplatostotle" comedy for the Variety Show of last semester.

OPERATIONS PROGRESS

In the pre-dance advertising, eld by Leo Cunningham and the Poor Man's Harry Owens' (Hawaiian Group) Band, the operations for the dance are progressing as anticipated by co-chairmen Hank Perry and Joe Bertain.

Bids, on sale for $2.50, may be purchased from any class president or representative, student body officers, and freshmen. Bids are also on sale in the Co-op, and will be on sale at the door of the Florentine Room.

Saint Mary's Club Notes

In the traditional manner of the sons of Erin, there was a gathering of the clan to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick at our regular monthly meeting of March. The occasion was fittingly graced with distinguished visitors, a program of entertainment, and a delicious repast of corn beef with all the trimmings.

The members of the entertainment committee, under the able chairmanship of Mr. Chester Alsford, distinguished themselves by furnishing a very well rounded and enjoyable program of speakers and entertainers.

Guest of honor for the evening was Brother U. Alfred, visitor of the Christian Brothers, who came down from Napa to be with us. His was a message of congratulation to the Club for its interest in the College and the Christian Brothers, and an invitation to the members to participate in the Centennial celebration of the Brothers. Members and their friends are invited to attend the Pontifical High Mass at the Cathedral, and the huge civic banquet in the evening at the Fairmont Hotel on Sunday, May 16. This is an opportunity for Club members to manifest their interest in the work of the good Brothers who have labored in the field of educating the youth of our nation for over 100 years.

In the spirit of the occasion, the principal speaker of the evening was Mr. Joseph Mouille, of the Irish Literary and Historical Society, who delivered a well-prepared and scholarly talk on the life of St. Patrick. Seldom have the members had a chance to listen to a man so well versed in his topic, and who delivered his material with such erudition.

Club member Leslie Leonard fulfilled his customary role as Emcee for the entertainment of the evening. First he introduced a mite of pep and personality in the person of 10-year-old Jackie McManus, son of John McManus, who warmed the cockles of the heart in his own inimitable and winsome way, with songs of Old Erin. Next Mr. Joseph McKeever, of McKeever and Shackleton (but no kin of Ed McKeever, our past president or another McKeever of the same name), regaled the members with an extensive repertoire of Irish songs, sleight of hand, and ventriloquism with his own "Goggles," competitor of Charlie McCarthy. It was really surprising that one man could do so many things so well, and the members are grateful for his appearance at our meeting. His son Bob and his accordion assisted with the musical numbers of the act. To bring down the curtain on the entertainment of the evening, our old friends, Jimmy Collins and Bill Richardson sang and played several Irish melodies.

Among the notables present who were called upon to get up and take a bow were Judges Twain Michelson, Clarence Morris, and Edwin Molkenbuhr. Also welcome guests were Tax Collector Eddie Bryant, and Gerald Haggerty. The basketball team of the College was represented in the persons of Frank Kudelka, Danny Galvin, and Jack Buick. And last but not least, the genial dean of the College, Brother Lambert, was called upon for a few welcome words.

Sanctuary List

SUNDAY MASS, APRIL 4

7:00—J. Bertain, D. Bertain.

9:00—J. Baratta, B. Brennan.

DAILY MASS, APRIL 5-10

Ed Arnold, Ed Cantor

Alumni Notes

ROUND TABLE SERIES—The Alumni sponsored Round Table series will enter its seventh month in San Francisco, Friday evening, April 9, in the Commissioners' Office, Main Library building, San Francisco, commencing at 8:00 o'clock.

The topic will be the Federalist Papers.

The Oakland round table unit will meet on the same evening in the Main Library building of Oakland, 634 14th street, Oakland, commencing at 8:00 o'clock. Subject for review will be the Social Contract by Rousseau.

Representatives of the General Alumni Association are working with delegates from all other Brothers' schools in the Bay Area for a proper observance of the 100th anniversary of the coming of the Christian Brothers to the United States.

A civic dinner honoring the Brothers will be held Sunday evening, May 16, at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco. Ticket reservations may be made with John McArdle, Hilbernia Bank building, San Francisco, HEmlock 1-7000. Eastbay headquarters will be established shortly.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS . . . From Bob McAndrews, '32, of the Los Angeles unit, comes the following data: Mel Pierovich, '31, the Jackson attorney, is married and the daddy of a three and half year old daughter. He invites all Gaels to visit his town June 19-20, during the annual "Days of Kit Carson" fiesta . . .

The Southern California unit officers and directors dined at the Hollywood Nickodell March 18, and laid plans for the unit's annual get-together at the Sequoia Lodge the night of Monday, April 12. More than one hundred persons are expected at the affair, which will feature name entertainment, movies, and talks by representatives of the College, the alumni and the sports world.

Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:

When the revolution you foresaw in your issue of March 12 takes place, will the Mexicans, Chinese, and Japanese of your grand state help our poor benighted and mistreated Negroes?

When you lend a helping hand to the Brickpile, we southerners will begin to see the light from the West and treat our fellow-men with justice.

Hugh Simar
Orange, Texas

Here Is The 1948 Spring Semester Exam Schedule

All examinations will be given in the regular classrooms except where official notices giving other directions may be posted.

No changes are to be made on the listed examination schedule unless authorized.

All classes in session on Monday at 8:10 a.m.	April 2, Friday	9:10-11:00 a.m.
All classes in session on Mond'y at 10:10 a.m.	April 2, Friday	1:10- 3:00 p.m.
All classes in session on Tuesd'y at 10:10 a.m.	April 5, Monday	9:10-11:00 a.m.
All classes in session on Tuesday at 8:10 a.m.	April 5, Monday	1:10- 3:00 p.m.
All classes in session on Mnod'y at 11:10 a.m.	April 6, Tuesday	9:10-11:00 a.m.
All classes in session on Tuesd'y at 11:10 a.m.	April 6, Tuesday	1:10- 3:00 p.m.
All classes in session on Monday at 9:10 a.m.	April 7, Wednesday	9:10-11:00 a.m.
All classes in session on Monday at 2:10 p.m.	April 7, Wednesday	1:10- 3:00 p.m.
All classes in session on Monday at 1:10 p.m.	April 8, Thursday	9:10-11:00 a.m.
All classes in session on Tuesday at 2:10 p.m.	April 8, Thursday	1:10- 3:00 p.m.
All classes in session on Tuesday at 1:10 p.m.	April 9, Friday	9:10-11:00 a.m.
All classes in session on Tuesday at 9:10 a.m.	April 9, Friday	1:10- 3:00 p.m.

*SPECIAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Philosophy 3a	April 5, Monday	1:10- 3:00 p.m.
Philosophy 3b	April 5, Monday	1:10- 3:00 p.m.
Philosophy 5a	April 5, Monday	9:10-11:00 a.m.
Philosophy 5b	April 5, Monday	9:10-11:00 a.m.
Work Classics 35	April 9, Friday	9:10-11:00 a.m.
Work Classics 36	April 9, Friday	9:10-11:00 a.m.
Work Classics 38	April 9, Friday	1:10- 3:00 pm..

No official mid-term examinations are listed on this schedule for English Composition and Public Speaking courses.

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*Classroom numbers for special examinations scheduled on April 5 and 9 will be posted on the bulletin boards.

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"All of you are making a vital contribution toward World Peace and the security of this nation.

"The U. S. Army is the finest army in the world and the only one of its kind among the major powers. It is 100% volunteer. It is composed entirely of civilian soldiers . . . men like yourselves who realize that a strong America is a peaceful America, and that the responsibility of making America strong rests in the hands of every American citizen.

"The U. S. Army is not a large army, as armies go. It is shouldering tasks far greater than any other army of like size has ever attempted. Our occupation force in Japan is the smallest per capita of any modern occupation army. Our force in Europe is the smallest of the three major powers.

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"Further, I know the valuable service you can render the nation in time of emergency. A great deal of the success of fast mobilization and the actual winning of the war was due to the 106,000 trained Reserve Officers and the top-notch National Guard units which were available for quick action.

"To you, on Army Day, I believe I speak for millions of Americans in offering commendation for the fine job you are doing."

Omar N Bradley
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GAEL GOSSIP

By PETE PETERSEN

Collegian Sports Editor

VERDOOTCH DOOD IT

Masterson and Underhill
Were rumored for the job,
When along came Danilovich
Boosted by the mob.

Verducci played it cagey,
In a silent sort of way,
And standing on a rock-built record,
Took the coaching plum away.

(. . . Believe me, Verdootch, when I say that you are welcome to Saint Mary's College.)

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Was recommended to the Athletic Board of Control by the coaches of the San Francisco schools.

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Is the head football coach at Saint Mary's College. That's the way it reads now, and that's the way it should read for a long time to come.

Should prove an excellent man, and a terrific asset to the football fortunes of Saint Mary's College.

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MINOR ATHLETICS AND ATHLETES

Like the track team, which leaves tomorrow for a meet with Chico State. Though no Olympic Games candidates are in the fold, they have been practicing rigorously to bring the cinder sport before the students and especially before the Administration in anticipation of a major sport status.

Like that golf squad which seemed to come right out of the ground to annex a fourth in a field of 20 at the Northern California Collegiate matches in Santa Cruz. They had received a minimum of publicity. Last heard was that 26 had turned out for the squad under the tutelage of Pat Markovich at Richmond, and then, quickly, a narrow defeat at the hands of U. of C. and now this at the NCC.

Like the boxing boys who won two and lost three in a modest year to make the boxing locker and the boxing team a permanent fixture at Saint Mary's College.

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JUST SO YOU KNOW

This year the Coast League, who play quite a bit of night baseball, were rumored to strict daytime baseball, at least in the Golden State, due to the power shortage.

And if you still think that night baseball should be eliminated because of the lack of power, kindly note, and I use the information of Johnny Vergez, that the power needed to provide lights for one month of night baseball (figured on four nights a week with an average of two weeks on the road, two weeks at home) is not the equivalent of the power used by a major department store in ONE DAY.

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OLYMPIC BASKETBALL TEAM

I see where the Philips Oilers continued their winning ways to annex the championship of the United States amateur basketball teams. They're a terrific aggregation.

It was a good move to take five Oilers men along with five Kentucky players to form the crux of the United States Olympic basketball squad.

Browning of the Philips will probably be the coach, and the four to complete the 14-man Olympic squad will be selected from among the members of the eight team Olympic playoffs. Two I would expect to be chosen are Don Barksdale of the Oakland Bittners and Vince Boryla of the Denver Nuggets.

UP AND OVER—Pictured above is J. Shea, Gael pole-vaulter, as he skims over the bar. Shea is the only vaulter on the team, and has an 11-foot 6-inch vault to his credit. Tomorrow the cindermen journey to Chico State for their first meet of the present campaign.

Track Men Open With Meet at Chico State

Inexperienced but willing, the cindermen will meet Chico State at Chico Saturday afternoon with a new and green team. This will be the first of many meets planned for the boys by the track coaching staff.

DEKLOTZ COACH

George DeKlotz is the enthusiastic coach who predicts a better than average season for his proteges. He said that he would be able to tell a little better after th time trials who would be the men to carry the brunt of the load for the team. He added, "The team as a whole lacks experience and in some positions depth, so we can still use some good men who are interested and willing."

Bill Turley is the returning letterman from last year's squad and he will run the 100 and 220 yard races. Also returning from last year's squad are Bob Raab and Leo Sanchez, who will run the mile and two mile, respectively. Another returning man is Peralsky, who will throw the discus, and Art Petersen in the shot put. Along will be about 30 new men. The team "has everything to gain" this season.

The leading contenders for the respective positions are as follows:

100-Yards—Turley, Rice, Dowell, Ruden; 220 yards, Turley, Rice Dowell, Ruden; 440 yards, Dowell, Lampe, Mahoney; 880 yards Lampe, Pinir, Portillo; Mile—Hannon, Raab, Sanchez, Brown; 2 Miles—Raab, Sanchez, High Hurdles—Wilkins, Williams, Rice; Low Hurdles—Wilkins, Williams, Rice; High Jump—Stephens; Pole Vault—Shea; Shot Put—Petersen, Tarbott, Osmundson; Discus—Bill, Peralsky; Javilin—Massero.

TRACK GOOD SHAPE

With the rain letting up, the men have been able to practice all this week. The track has been repacked and is in good shape. Coach DeKlotz has been running his charges through practice all this week and puts everything on the time trials, as to how the team will shape up. We mention again, that there are positions open to every enthusiastic trackman.

Golfers Vie With Broncos

The Gaels golfers will play our traditional rivals the Santa Clara Broncs Tuesday, April 6, at the Richmond golf links, the players seeded are Ron Patton, who shot a low of 77 at the Northern California Collegiate matches last week, followed by team-mates Jack Caillard, Steve Orisek, Packard Harrington, Tony Posheppy, Jack Murphy and Jack Christensen.

The "Singing Saints" returned home this week with fourth place honors in the Northern California matches held at Pasa Tiempo links, Santa Cruz from March 24 to March 28. Gaels Jack Caillard, Ron Patten and Steve Orisek qualified for the championship flight, with Patten shooting a 77, Caillard 80 and Orisek 81.

Packard Harrington and Tony Poshepny qualified ni the first flight shooting 83. In the match play of the first flight Packard Harrington upset team-mate Poshepny at the quarter finals 1 up.

From the quarter finals Harrington went to the semi-finals where he lost 3 and 2 to Leroy Silva of Modesto J. C. Jack Murphy shot an 86 to qualify for the second flight.

The Saint Mary's team placed fourth in competition with 20 Northern California schools. San Jose State was first, Stanford second, and University of California third. Team spokesmen Tony Poshepny emphasized the fact "It was due to the encouragement of the Saint Mary's administration the six-man team played in the tournament.

Tennis Squad Faces C.O.P. at Stockton

Saint Mary's tenis squad, hampered by the wet weather, aim for their first victory next Saturday afternoon against College of Pacific at Stockton.

Captain Gene Valdemi of the Gaels stated that these six, Witteman, Locke, Soulages, Rarig, Laubacher and himself will make the trip.

Phoenix Travel South For Tilts With U.C.L.A., Loyola

IN THERE—Pitcher Jack Rial, Phoenix mainstay, follows through with his delivery as he sends his favorite curve whipping towards the plate. Rial is scheduled to start against U.C.L.A. today.

Varsity Has 4 C.I.B.A. Games in Two Weeks

This weekend the Saint Mary's Phoenix journey to the southland to meet the University of California at Los Angeles on the Bruin campus for a brace of games on Friday and Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday, the Phoenix engage the Loyola Lions in a practice tilt.

Vergez took the full complement of 23 men and the team manager, Bocelli, on the trip to Los Angeles.

RIAL AND CANFIELD

Jack Rial and Carrol Canfield will be on the mound for the Phoenix, while the Stanich brothers, George and John, are scheduled to throw for the Bruins.

The Bruins have lost one CIBA tilt, a 13-0 pasting at the hands of El Trojan, considered by many as the team to beat for the 1948 CIBA league crown.

The Phoenix, meanwhile, have split in two league encounters to date. They defeated the Broncos, and took a lacing from the hands of the Golden Bear.

Next Saturday the Gaels meet U.C.L.A. in a third game here, and the following Tuesday play U.S.F. at Seals Stadium.

Athlete of The Week

With a record of thre wins and one defeat, and for a stellar performance in the Phoenix 3-2 win over the Broncos, the Collegian nominates pitcher Carrol Canfield as the Athlete of the Week.

Coach Vergez showed his faith in Canfield by choosing him as the man to pitch the all important CIBA opening game.

Canfield, a sophomore, is in his second season with the Phoenix, sporting a four and one pitching record with last year's nine.

COACHING CREDENTIALS

Aiming for a degree in Business Administration, Canfield has expressed the intention of studying one year in a post-graduate school to obtain coaching credentials.

Phoenix Split in First Two CIBA Games

In the first two league encounters of the present campaign, the Saint Mary's Phoenix won and lost.

At Ryan Field in San Jose, Carrol Canfield hurled five-hit ball, as the Phoenix batters came on in the last half of the eighth inning with a three-run surge to annex the ball game 3-2.

The other contest, the debacle against the California Bears, was considered by Vergez, "One of those games when the opposition did everything right, and our boys did everything wrong. We got a bad one out of our system."

Canfield, Rial and Trestler proved of no avail against the big bats of the Golden Bear.

Following is the line score of the California game:

Saint Mary's	000 304 000—	7
	100 203 000—	6
California	323 033 29x—	25
	231 033 37x—	22

Errors: Saint Mary's 8; California 3.

Winning pitcher: Barnise; Losing pitcher: Canfield.

Umpires: Christensen and Carter.

Frosh Squad Still Unbeaten

An undefeated Frosh baseball squad continues to play in a solid schedule as they engage five clubs in the coming two weeks, all of them home games.

On tap is a contest with the U. C. Frosh next Tuesday; then on Friday against Richmond High, and on Saturday a morning contest with Modesto Junior College.

The following week, the Frosh meet Castlemont on Tuesday afternoon and then they go against the San Jose State freshman club on Thursday.

SQUAD CUT

Coach Bill Kenworthy cut the squad to 23 last week, holding six pitchers.

On the mound, Don Ferrarese, Ken Figeroid and Tom Lowney have been consistently effective, abetted by the hitting of first baseman Tony Kotowski, and outfielders Gene Klinger and Endriss.

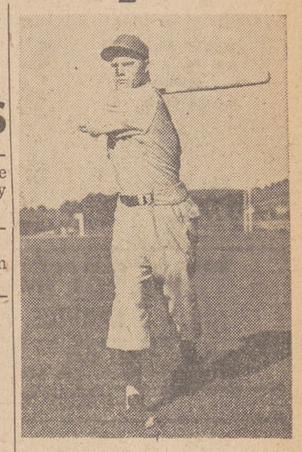
The scores of the first eight games indicate that the Junior Gaels are hitting excellently and playing tight defensive ball.

Following are the scores of the eight games to date:

	SM	Op
Sacred Heart High	5	4
St. Ignatius High	9	4
Grant Tech. High	23	0
Lodi High	5	2
El Cerrito High	7	2
Lowell High	116	3
Oakland Technical High	9	0

"Frontier Day"

With buck-boards, stage-coaches, wagon-wheels, and other colorful paraphernalia, the Wild West will invade the Campus on May 6, led by the Sacramento Club.



BATTER — Playing his second year for Vergez' Varsity, right fielder Bill Brown is shown at the end of a healthy swing which has accounted for many R.B.I.'s and a better than .300 average.

Day Dogs Beat Wolves in Finale

Dede Kline's Day Dogs won the championship in the Blue League yesterday afternoon before 60 students as they downed the strong Moraga Wolves, 44-34.

Bob Miller led the Day Dogs attack with 16 points in a very close game, in which, nevertheless, the Day Dogs took the lead from the outset but were never headed. Ed Ryan was high for the Wolves with 10 points.

There were quite a few fouls called, 33 in all, but the game was ably controlled by the referee, Lou Desmond.

Half time score was 20-18 in favor of the Day Dogs. It was in the last few minutes of the game that the Day Dogs stepped up their fast break and pulled away from the tiring Moraga Wolves.

Late yesterday afternoon, the La Salle Athletic Club met the Toads in a game which should determine the champion in the Red League.

Some time next week the winner of the Toads-La Salle A. C. game will meet the Day Dogs for the campus basketball championship.

COLLEGIAN WRITERS

ATTENTION—All Collegian staff writers, news, editorials and sports, must be present at a meeting in Dante 114 on Monday, April 12, at 12:30 p.m.

Any student who wants to become a member of the Collegian staff should be at this meeting.

Any writer absent from this meeting will NOT be considered a member of the Collegian staff.

REMEMBER — Dante 114, 12:30 p.m., Monday, April 12.

Swim Team to Meet 3 Clubs This Week

Coach Lou Peresyni's swimmers face three important foes this week.

This afternoon the Gael mermen match San Francisco City College swimmers at the local pool.

On Wednesday, the swimmers meet San Jose State, and the following Friday they engage the Olympic Club swimmers at the Olympic Club in a return match.

GAEL Campus Calendar

Baseball:

FRIDAY, APRIL 2
U.C.L.A.—at L. A.
SATURDAY, APRIL 3
U.C.L.A.—at L. A.
SUNDAY, APRIL 4
Loyola—at L. A.
SATURDAY, APRIL 10
U.C.L.A.—here
SUNDAY, APRIL 11
U.S.F.—Seals Staduim

Track:

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
Chico State—there
TUESDAY, APRIL 6
S.F.C.C.

Golf:

TUESDAY, APRIL 6
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A Question of Understanding

In his last lecture at Saint Mary's Dr. Charles DeKonnick devoted his time to an explanation of Communism. As an expert Dr. DeKonnick reviewed the reasons why Communism is spreading so rapidly throughout the world.

Said Dr. DeKonnick, ". . . It is because we in this country do not take the time to understand how they operate. If we did, they would have no chance whatsoever to indoctrinate people with their philosophy. We are lazy and unconcerned. They have taken the trouble to know how we operate, and our passive feelings are their most effective weapons. . ."

Thus Dr. DeKonnick clearly explained why we are having such a difficult time in stopping Communism. Everyone today is crying "We must stop Communism!" But how many have taken the opportunity to pick up a book explaining Marxism, and find out just why it must be halted?

Dr. DeKonnick further stated, ". . . Marxism is not an economic theory opposed to Capitalism. It is more than that. It is a philosophy of life. A doctrine for which true Communists will sacrifice, and even die."

He concluded his lecture by expressing a firm conviction, ". . . I would rather see my children shot down before my eyes than allow them to be exposed to the Communistic doctrine in their school. . ."

This is an extremely strong statement from such an accomplished scholar as Dr. DeKonnick; however, he made it solely to underline the evil portent of Communism.

Recognizing the danger of Communism is hardly sufficient. Definite steps must be taken individually in order to combat its spread. War is not the answer. War breeds disgust, contempt for authority, class hatred, and the loss of a moral code. These are the things Communism thrives upon.

As Dr. DeKonnick stated, ". . . The only solution is understanding. . ." Once we realize what Communism really is, and how it operates, there will be no trouble in eliminating it as a threat to world peace and security.

As the fateful Italian election date draws closer, our concern for peace becomes more noticable. Suddenly we find ourselves wishing that we had done something prior, which would remove the grave apprehension we feel as April 9 comes nearer. If the Italian people understand what Communism is, the result of the election will be an overwhelming defeat for Communism.

The Italian people are in the throes of hunger and near-revolution. They may grasp at any semblance of stability promised, as they did in 1919. Only then they followed the banner of Mussolini. This time it may be Communism. If the Communist party wins control, then we, sooner or later, shall be fighting for our very existence.

Two weeks are left in which to make the Italians aware of what is in store if they vote Communistic. Whether it is too late or not, we should gain a lesson. Now is the time for us to learn the mechanics of Communism. If we do, the battle will be three-fourths won.

What Student Government?

Last week the debating team traveled to Stockton in order to participate in an intercollegiate debate with COP. What makes the event so important is the fact that the team was not, and could not be supported by the Executive Council.

It is a deplorable state of affairs when the student council, entrusted with our money, votes down the debating team's request for financial support because, as was said, ". . . Frankly, we're broke."

At the beginning of this school year, the council had one of the largest sums of money in school history with which to work out a successful social and academic calendar. Yet in the middle of the second semester they are forced to admit that they are insolvent.

Granted that any student council can and does make mistakes, yet at the rate the council tossed money around this year, the result was inevitable.

Yes, the debating team went to Stockton. This was possible through the generosity of Mr. Francis Starrs, who financed the entire project with his own personal money. How unfortunate it is that such a thing occurred. The executive council, through its lack of foresight, caused organizations on this campus to depend on individuals for their continuance, instead of the campus governing body.

It is too late for anything to be done about the council's insolvency; however, it should serve as a warning to the next administration.

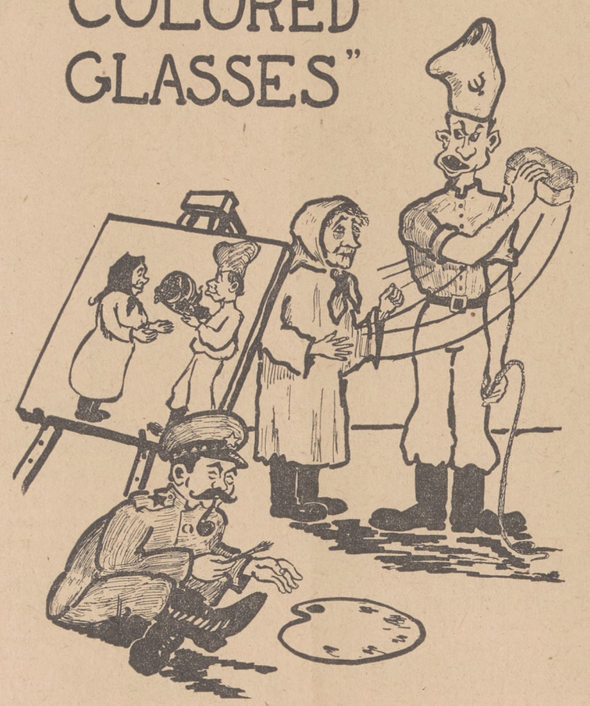
With student elections only a short time away, the representatives chosen must reflect more than personality or good looks. They must be capable of handling student money in the most efficient manner possible. There cannot be room for incompetence in next year's administration.

This should be the prime consideration when you go to the polls in the near future.

Wanted---An Air Force

A sharp warning is heard today indicating that our continued leadership in air power is threatened by the absence of either an up-to-date national air policy or a consistant plan of action. The principle or retaining military power as peace insurance so long as we must live in the midst of an armed world is now generally recognized. How to assure this power, especially in such a rapidly developing field as aviation, is an unanswered question that we dare not neglect.

COMMUNISM THRU "ROSE COLORED GLASSES"



Collegiana

By BILL STOUT

WATTS GOING ON? How much does it have to rain in California before we can have electricity again? Only a few days ago there was downpour of 3 inches and still we can't get a peep out of our radios from 9 to 5! No A.C. No D.C. No window screens!—the place is getting almost as bad as Santa Clara!

What a joyous semester this is turning out to be—for the last two weeks we have heard nothing but Communism, Russia, and the imminence of war. Rumor has it that even "Tony" is trying to enlist. It isn't bad enough that all the string-tie fakers in Washington are building World War III, but in addition to all this comes the mid-term exams. oi yoi yoi!—When spring and exams come, the young man's fancy turns to the ponies. Speaking of cheaters, why not study a few of the better known types of artists in this infamous field.

TYPE A. "CRIB-NOTE CHRISTOPHER." This little lad is probably the least smooth of all the pony boys. He will enter the exam room with an amazingly innocent expression on his face, and when his blue book has been thoroughly examined, he will slip his microsocpic notes into the book, reading them as he goes along. When the test is over, Christopher forgets about the cribs and hands his blue book in, notes and all. That really takes brains.

TYPE B. "CONCENTRATING CLARENCE". Clarence is really a gay blade. He will shuffle into the question cubicle with the world's most worried look and seat himself, and at the same time manage to heave a very deep sigh. When the exam gets under way, Clarence loses himself in a mood of psuedo-concentration. He will look longingly at the proctor and shake his head, thus silently demonstrating how difficult the exam is. After shaking his head, sighing and moaning for seven or eight minutes, he slyly shades his eyes with his left hand (still maintaining the mood), then, with the movements of his eyes well hidden, he reads cut of an open book at his feet or from the paper of a cooperative buddy in the next seat.

TYPE C. This type has no name—he's too shrewd. He wouldn't do this fellow any justice by trying to think of a title for him. Before he enters his exam room, he spends countless hours studying winches, pulleys, etc. He then comes to the test with 20 feet of piano wire, and a world of courage; he then grabs a seat nearest the window. When the questions are being written out on the board, he pulls out the piano wire and hooks one end of it to his foot —He hastily copies the questions on a small piece of paper and attaches the paper to the other end of the carefully coiled wire, and heaves the questions and wire out the window. A cohort waits directly beneath the window. In an hour or more a blue book replaces the small piece of paper; the wire is jerked and our physicist friend hauls the answers up the side of the building and into his hot, perspiring hands. Sounds fantastic you say? It happened in D201 last June.

The orchids of this week have been won by another faculty member who is financing the debating society out of his own pocekt. Mr. Starrs is minus some seventy smackers right now, just because he thinks more of Saint Mary's than the rest of us added together. We are pretty sure that this instructor isn't making enough money to afford giving gold to his debating team. Why don't a few of the Ex-Council's politicians snap out of their lethargy?

Rumor has it that Dr. Knock, the shrewd French Medico, put more in the till than did R. Hope and Mirium and Irium put together.

Moraga Musings

HE DOES NOT BITE

One instructor saves students from the torments of useless explanations and study. He gives assignment; but his students know that he will read the text in class. Fortunately he has a wonderful voice that infests the room. After he reads, he asks questions and each student receives a grade whether he answers or not. The students may not know much after the course, but the text is completed and everyone has a grade . . . isn't that just dandy . . . "thank you, and for stumping the experts we are sending" one big megaphone to Doctor E. S. Richardson.

IT OUT-CAPTAINS MIDNIGHT

Joe Casalnuova—yes, that's his real name—has been captain of intramural base, foot, and basket-ball tems every semester since he hs been here. Joe needs to be captain like other people need air. H is from Sicily if that explains anything. But Joe is happy, for:

With a mitt on his fingers,
And rubber shoes on his toes;
He carries his golf set,
Wherever he goes.

One may easily detect Joe from the masses . . . he is always all tired and sweaty.

The Bystander

By PAT HENDERSON

After a long period of delay and international disintegration the Democracies have at last embarked upon a program which might well be called "Democracy Resurgent." It is unfortunate, of course, that we should have lost so much in both prestige and territory before we finally awakened to the fact that the Soviet is not unwilling to profit by our sloth. However, now that the program is in a fair way of being launched, let us pray to God it won't bog down over petty differences and eternal delay occasioned by long-winded political oratory to satisfy some demagogue's ego.

The first arena where the two great world forces will meet is Italy. It seems strange that Italy, the traditional cradle of Christianity in the west, should be in danger of succumbing to the influence of the Godless ideology of the East.

TRAGEDY OF ITALY

However, the tragedy of Italy is only one of many which grew out of the war. As the war ended and the "Brave new world" hove into sight, most of us thought that with the end of hostilities peace and plenty would reign again. But our dreams were given a rude shock. We reckoned without the Cominform, as it is now called. We forgot that peace, wonderful as it may be, does not grow wheat, nor produce herds of cattle, nor rebuild destroyed homes. No, peace only makes it possible for us to do these things.

We forgot that commerce is carried on by an exchange of goods and money. We disregarded the fact that we have most of the money. In fact, we were more than a little surprised to learn that a week after the war ended we began to loosen controls whil the rest of the world tightened theirs. "Back to Normalcy," was our Cry both internally and internationally. We have suffered from this pernicious mania of returning to some hypothetical normalcy without realizing that each age has its own peculiar problems, and we cannot necessarily recapture the "bygone" glories of the Thirties.

AN IRREPARABLE MISTAKE

In my estimation it would be an irreparable mistake to do so. If you will recall we watched passively while most of the European nations and a large part of China fell to a militaristic bloc. It makes a rather alarming analogy doesn't it.

No, in retrospect let's appreciate the good we have done in the past and profit by our more obvious and remediable mistakes. This time let's back up our guarantees. I don't mean just the United States, but all the Democracies who are striving so hard to recreate the broken fragments of the formerly free countries of the world.

LET US TAKE ACTION

Let us now, if we actively and honestly disapprove of the Communist tactics, take positive steps to stop them. Not words, not threats but action. Many of you will recall that Hitler's march into the Rhineland in 1936 was a bluff, and that the German High Command felt it was a foolish gamble, but he won. Stalin is risking even less. He doesn't send troops. He hasn't even spent much money except in countries which are irrevocably under the Communist yoke. Yet look at the results of his aggressive policy. Half of Europe is already behind the Iron Curtain while the fate of Catholic and Christian Italy hangs in the balance of the next political cast of the dice. If you think cheerful promises and vague gestures of aid are going to cut any ice with the Italian peasant and worker in this election then think again. In other words get the European Recovery Program out of Congress and in the hands of an administrator. Re-activate a formidable portion of our armed forces and get them strategically placed, and above all start acting in concert with our Democratic allies not for just European Recovery but for a World Recovery Program.

When is Westbrook Pegler going to stop making those scurrilous remarks about the late President Roosevelt. To me it is somewhat like the canoe ramming a dreadnaught—but such an obnoxious canoe-ist.

News Views

By DAN ARZAC

The-let's-get-it - over - with school has been pretty loud of late. They think now is the time for a short, savage war with Russia, a war of annihilation. "Hell, let's drop an atom bomb on the so-and-sos" seems to be the attitude all too prevalent today.

In an editorial entitled "This Talk About Another War," published a few hours before President Truman's address to a joint session of the Congress, the **San Francisco Chronicle** has approached the Soviet problem more realistically.

Realism demands an appraisal of the other side of the picture, the side usually neglected. The costs to America of another war would be far higher than the mere $300,000,000 per day that the last one was burning at its peak. The last time we had powerful friends; they are no longer powerful, except for the one formally who would now be the enemy. We would have to carry the full economic burden.

Still, "if in the judgment of reasonable Americans there arises the certainty that Russia is irrevocably committed to our destruction, it would be better to make our stand early than late, abroad rather than at home." We must take forthright action in containing the Soviet threat—universal military training, selective service, foreign aid, extension of ROTC to small schools, partial mobilization of industry, and plans for the regimentation of private finances.

FROM MY TOWER

Does this sound like totalitarianism at home? Perhaps after a war such as the next one would be, we would be too deadly weary to wonder what became of democracy. Inevitably, the desperate pace of such a war would require disciplines far more rigid than the last. Those disciplines must at least in part, be instituted from this moment. To wait may be fatal.

ABOUT WAR

A new war would mean ultimate combat within our boundaries. It would be fought mainly with the armed might of the United States. There would be not merely rationing, but scarcity of foodstuffs, clothing and fuel. This time not twelve million Americans would go to war, but one hundred and forty million. Worse yet, once the enemies had been driven out of Paris and Rome and the farthest reaches of Siberia and the Orient, the kind of victory we would reap would bear bitter fruit.

"Idealism would, by war's end, have long since been replaced by an habitual cynicism. We have not known that kind of cynicism, only a touch of it. We would then know the kind that results from getting accustomed to the violent destruction of loved ones, and the maiming and disfiguration of others. We would know what others know of the cynicism that comes of seeing our cities rendered to gray rubble, stinking of unfound dead. We would have acquired the habit of living under the constant shadow of sudden death; the habit of dreaming of nothing beyond the next few hours. Whatever we now have of morals and ideals would have been buried under the overwhelming necessity of hating and killing and living in eternal dread of the next wail of the siren."

No, we are not arguing for peace at any price. We are simply reminding you that peace ad war are not that easy . . . and the time to remember it is now.

On the Level

By FATHER MOSS

The old adage, "it pays to advertise," has proven true as is evidenced by the results of a campaign, sponsored by the Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus, to make the Catholic Church better known. The campaign begun in January of this year has attracted widespread attention. It proves conclusively that there are literally millions of people who want to know more about the Church.

The Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus secured the services of Reverend Father L. J. Fallon, C. M. of St. Louis to help in the direction of their program. Then on January 25 the first paid advertisement sponsored by the Knights, appeared in two publications with a large circulation, the American Weekly and the Pathfinder. The advertisement was so labeled that it would immediately attract the attention of the readers of the publications. The first advertisement was, "You Hear Strange Things About Catholics." The next issue of the papers featured an ad entitled, "Why Catholics Keep Running to Church." Within a week after the first ad, 12,464 letters had been received, and it is estimated that this will amount to 20,000 or more on the impetus of this this first advertisement.

So encouraged are the Knights by the response, that they will extend their advertising to the columns of liberty and the Household Magazine. It is estimated that more than two million people will read the ads. Even more important than the reading is the fact that more than 25,000 booklets on Catholic doctrine have been requested, and from the group of readers already reached, 1,647 persons have applied for instructions. Truly the Knights are doing a great work to make their holy Faith better known.

Now what is the lesson for us to derive from this great campaign? It is that we should become better informed on the doctrine of our Church. One man who wrote in to the Knights, after having read one of the articles, said that he has a number of Catholic friends, including several in the Knights of Columbus, who never mention religion to him, and he is thus unable to get answers to many of his questions about the Catholic Faith. Some of his Catholic relatives, he adds, are either unable or unwilling to set him right on Catholic beliefs and practices. Such a condition should not exist and certainly not among students who attend Catholic schools.

There are altogether too many Catholics who are afraid to mention religion because they lack the knowledge sufficient to answer even the most elementary questions concerning the Faith. A priest friend told me of a former non-Catholic student of St. Mary's, now a student at the University of California, who came in to see him to learn more about the Catholic Church, because of an interest he developed in it as a result of his ethics course. The numbers of people who are interested in religion today are legion. We must become better informed in order to answer their inquiries about our religion.

One of the best means of becoming informed on current Catholic topics, is through the reading of the very fine pamphlets which are to be found in our pamphlet rack. Through the untiring efforts of our St. Vincent de Paul Society, the rack is kept up to date with literature covering almost every phase of Catholic life. The pamphlets are free as are copies of the Register and the Catholic Worker.

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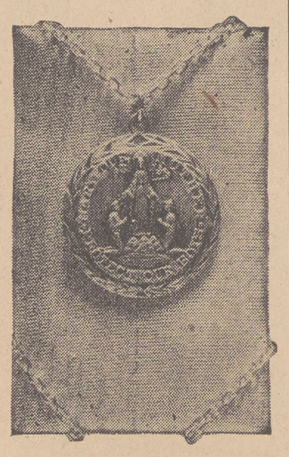

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